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MATTERS

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1. EMBASSY IN PROCESS FORMULATING ITS ASSESSMENT
PROBLEMS AFFECTING SAUDI- IRANIAN COORDINATION WHICH WE
WILL FORWARD SHORTLY.

2. MEANWHILE, TEHRAN MAY BE INTERESTED KNOW KAMAL ADHAM
DEPARTED YESTERDAY FOR VIST TO TEHRAN ON KING' S
INSTRUCTION. WE UNDERSTAND HE HAS BEEN DIRECTED
DISCUSS GULF SECURITY PROBLEMS WITH SHAH, RAISE QUESTIONS
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RE CURRENT IRANIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS IRAQ AND RUMORS
POSSIBLE COUP IN ABU DHABI.

3. ADHAM IS UNQUESTIONABLY MOST ARTICULATE AND
IMAGINATIVE SAUDI SPOKESMAN. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, DESPITE
HIS BEING COMMISSIONED BY KING UNDERTAKE PERIODIC SPECIAL
TASKS AND HAVING CLOSE PERSONAL TIE AS BROTHER- IN- LAW,
MEMBER OF INNER CIRCLE. RECENT PROTRACTED ABSENCES
FROM JIDDA HAVE TENDED ERODE HIS INFLUENCE. NEVERTHELESS,
HIS CURRENT VISIT CANNOT BUT HELP MATTERS IN SOME DEGREE.
WE WOULD ASSUME THAT VISIT WILL BE, AS IN PAST INSTANCES
OF THIS KIND, QUOTE UNOFFICIAL AND UBPUBLICIZED, AND THAT
ADHAM WILL SPEND TIME TOO WITH HIS COUNTERPART,
GENERAL NASIRI. . THACHER UNQUOTE ROGERS

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